(iii) Other retirement benefits shall be as per existing company rules as applicable for the employees retiring on superannuation.

(c) The above scheme formulated by MTNL is yet to be approved by the Government.

Garuda Mobile Service

2566. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the increase in subscribers for Garuda Mobile Service the Department is facing problem in providing connectivity to new subscribers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the imports made by MTNL during the last three years for providing mobile service including name of the the countries and companies;

(d) whether all the imported equipments are being put in use; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) and (b) Sir,the Garuda Mobile Service of MTNL in Mumbai and Delhi is presently providing connectivity to new subscribers. Continuous upgradation of system is done to increase capacity as per requirement.

(c) The details of imports made by MTNL are given in the Statement enclosed (*see* below).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Statement

The details of imports made by the MTNL during last 3 years for providing mobile service.

A. INFRASTRUCTURE : BSS for GSM (Extended area)

1. For Delhi

Sl.No.	P.O. Date	Value	Quantity	Supplier	Procured From
	27.9.2001	24.99 Crore	66 Nos. BSS alongwith other items	M/s. ITI	USA

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

2. For Mumbai

	27.9.2001	11.33. Crore	26 Nos. BSS alongwith other items	M/S. ITI	USA

B. CDMA WLL Infrastructure :

1. For Mumbai

Sl.No.	P.O. Date	Value	Quantity	Supplier	Procured From
	13.12.2002	87.03 Crore	Expansion from 50 K Lines to 142.230k	M/s. Fujitsu	Japan

2. For Delhi

	09.08.2002	84.92 Crore	Expansion from 50K Lines to 150 K Lines other items.	M/s. Motorola	USA and China etc.

C. CDMA WLL Terminals:

1. For Mumbai

Sl.No.	Item	P.O. Date	Value	Quantity	Supplier	Procured From
1.	Mobile	22.04.02	12.56 Crore	15K	LG Elect. Sys. India Ltd.	South Korea
2.	Mobile	27.03.03	15 Crore	30 K	XL Telecome Ltd.	USA
3.	Fixed	23.11.01	28.49 Crore	18750 Nos.	LG Elec. Sys. India Ltd.	South Korea
4.	Fixed	19.02.02	9.49 Crore	6250 Nos.	M/s. ITI	South Korea

Sl. No.	Item	P.O. Date	Value	Quantity	Supplier	Procured From
2. FOR DELHI						
1.	Mobile	27.03.03	15 Crore	30K	XL Telecom Ltd.	USA
2.	Fixed	08.02.03	5.32 Crore	3750 Nos.	LG Elec. Sys. India Ltd.	South Korea
3.	Fixed	18.02.02	1.77 Crore	1250 Nos.	M/s ITI	South Korea
4.	Mobile & Fixed	04.07.02	81.18 Crore	45000 Nos. (30,000 Mobile + 15,000 Fixed)	M/s HEIL-M/s HFCL JV	South Korea

WLL Technology in the country

2567. SHRI R.S. GAVAI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated strategy to introduce WLL Technology in rural and semi-urban areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have initiated any action against the basic telephone operators for not fulfilling their commitments in providing service in rural areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Licences granted are technology neutral. There is no restriction on any of the service providers to use the specific technology in rural, semi-urban or urban areas of the country.

(d) to (f) Private basic operators who were granted licence in 1997-98 have not fulfilled their roll out obligations for rural telephoney.